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Meeting Date:
 March 29, 2016

BOARD REPORT

Public **In-Camera**
PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval
PRESENTED BY: Senior Administration
SUBMITTED BY: Paul A. Picard, Director of Education
 Mario Iatonna, Executive Superintendent of Corporate Services
SUBJECT: **2016-17 BUDGET CONSULTATION SURVEY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the 2016-17 Budget Consultation Survey be received as information.

SYNOPSIS:

This report has been prepared to provide information on the 2016-17 Budget Consultation Survey results.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

The Board is committed to ensuring that sufficient communication and consultation with the community exists regarding 2016-17 budget development. The community has been invited to provide input at an early stage of budget development through a formal budget consultation survey. The intent of the survey is to inform the Board's budget development and assist in formulating and affirming Board priorities as the Board works to promote excellence in education within a Faith-centered learning environment.

Availability of the survey on the Board's website was advertised in the Windsor Star, and communicated formally to certain stakeholders including Principals and Vice-Principals, the Parent Involvement Committee, the Special Education Advisory Committee, the French Immersion Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee, Catholic School Advisory Councils, employee groups (OECTA, Unifor, CUPE, Non-Union), the Student Senate, and employees via the internal shared staff folder. In addition, on January 29 and March 4, synvoice messages were sent to all student families inviting their participation in the survey.

In addition, the Director of Education formally communicated to the Pastoral Team informing them of the survey and requesting their assistance in notifying their parish communities of the opportunity to provide input.

As of the original March 4, 2016 submission deadline, 349 survey responses were received. By comparison, 311 survey responses were received for the 2015-16 Budget Consultation Survey. Responses were received from stakeholder groups as follows:

Respondent	2015-16 Results	2016-17 Results	Percent Change
Parent/Guardian	229	205	(10.5%)
Student	2	22	1,000.0%
Staff Member	44	108	145.5%
Ratepayer	23	10	(56.5%)
Community Member	5	2	(60.0%)
Other	8	2	(75.0%)

Responses to the 2016-17 Budget Consultation Survey are summarized in Appendix A for the Board's information and consideration. Future opportunities for community consultation continue to exist through the budget development process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

TIMELINES:

The 2016-17 Budget Survey was posted on the Board website on January 29, 2016. The final draft Budget is scheduled to be tabled with the Board of Trustees at its meeting of June 14, 2016, with final deliberation and approval on June 27, 2016.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: WECDSB 2016-17 Budget Consultation Survey Results

Appendix B: WECDSB Budget Consultation Survey

REPORT REVIEWED BY:

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2016-17 Budget Consultation Survey Results

March 29, 2016



2016-17 Budget Consultation Survey Overview

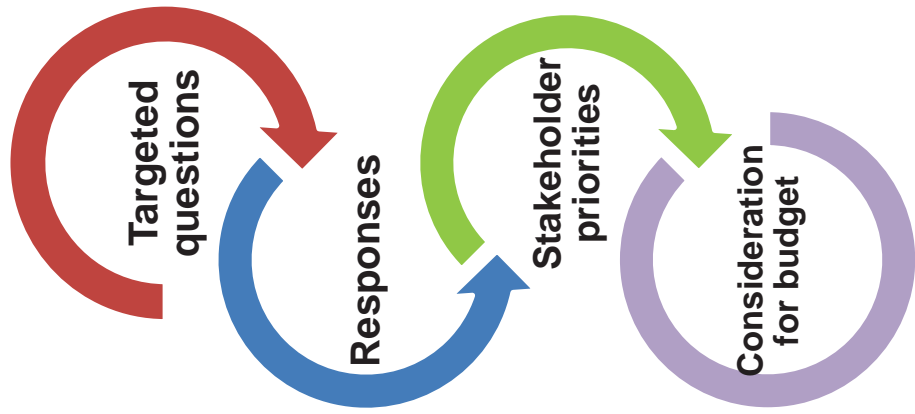
The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring that programs and services continue to support high levels of student achievement and faith development. As part of the Budget consultation process, the Board invited its stakeholders to provide input into the development of the 2016-17 Budget. The intent of the survey is to inform the Board's budget development process and assist in formulating and affirming the Board priorities as the Board works to promote excellence in education within a faith-centered learning environment.

- OUR STUDENTS**
- OUR FAITH**
- OUR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**
- OUR RESOURCES**
- OUR TEAM**

Budget Consultation Survey Process

Responses Collection period: January 29 to March 4, 2016 (5 weeks)

- Total: 349
- Parent/Guardian: 205 (58.7%)
- Student: 22 (6.3%)
- Staff Member: 108 (30.9%)
- Ratepayer: 10 (2.9%)
- Community Member: 2 (0.6%)
- Other: 2 (0.6%)



Targeted Questions

- To determine budget priorities
- Based on Board & Ministry priorities
- Aim is to include relevant questions to impact budget

Stakeholder Priorities

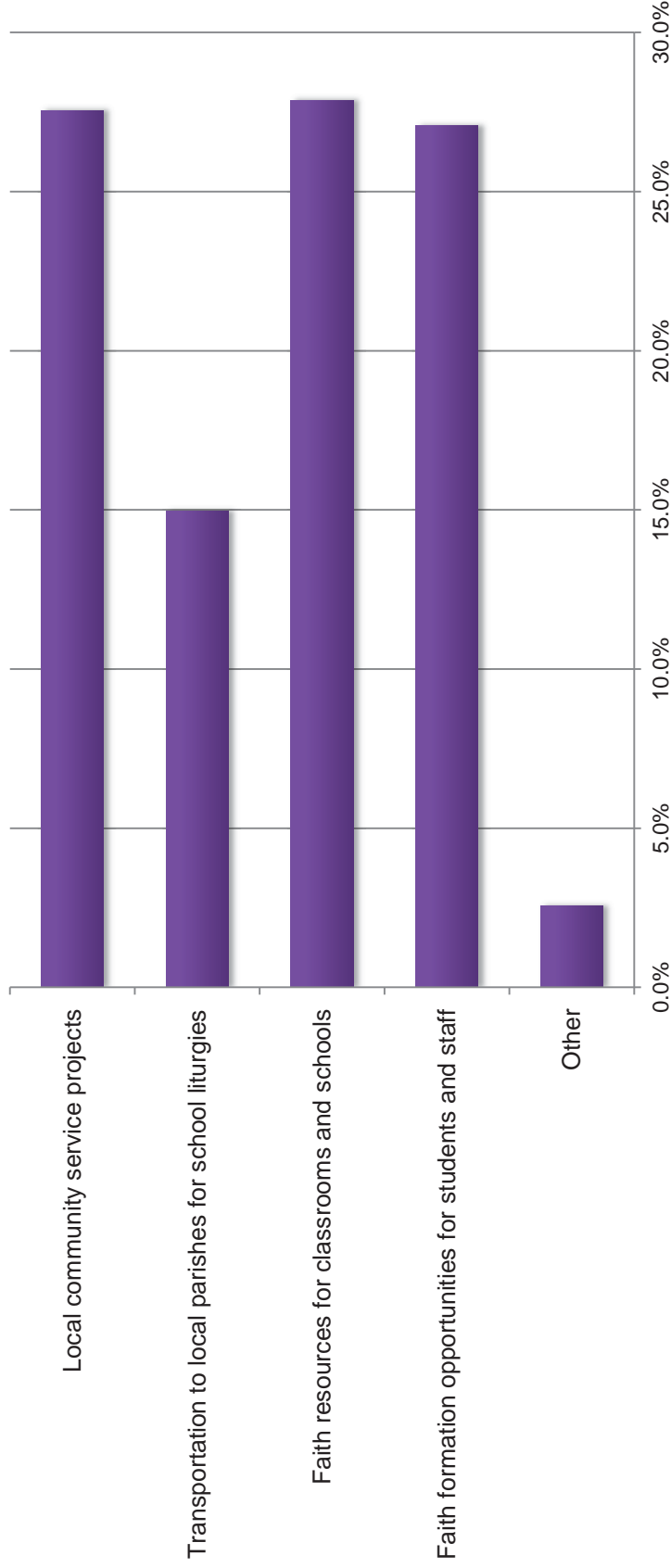
- Survey sent to stakeholders and available to general public
- Results were tabulated
- Priorities identified through survey responses

Consideration for Budget

- Feedback received for budget development
- Summarized and presented to Trustees for consideration

Budget Consultation Survey Results

Q1. Faith development plays a central role in our Catholic system. Where do you believe efforts should be focused in the area of faith development? (Select all that apply)



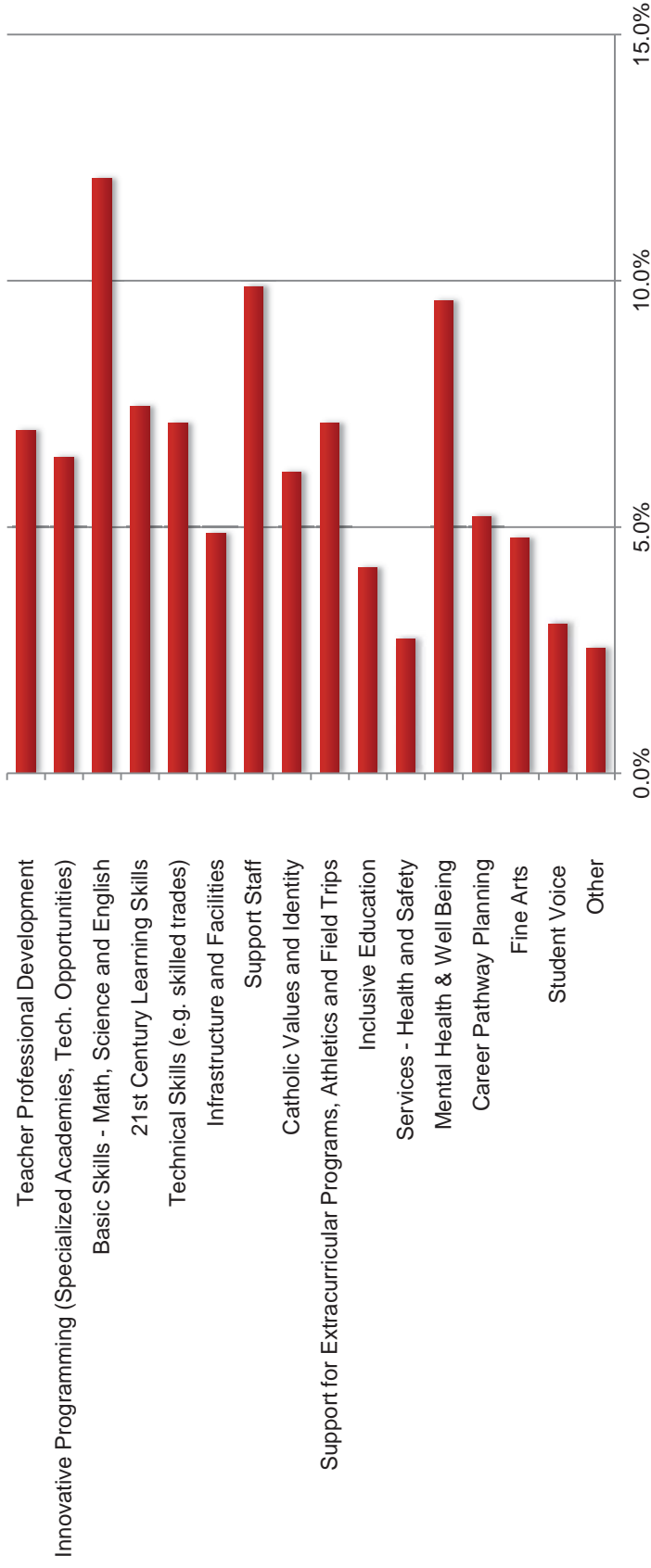
Results are representative of a percentage of total selections made

Consideration for budget

Stakeholders have identified faith resources as the main area of focus for faith development.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued...

Q2. As a stakeholder of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, which items would you like the Board to consider as essential to the education of children? (Select all that apply)



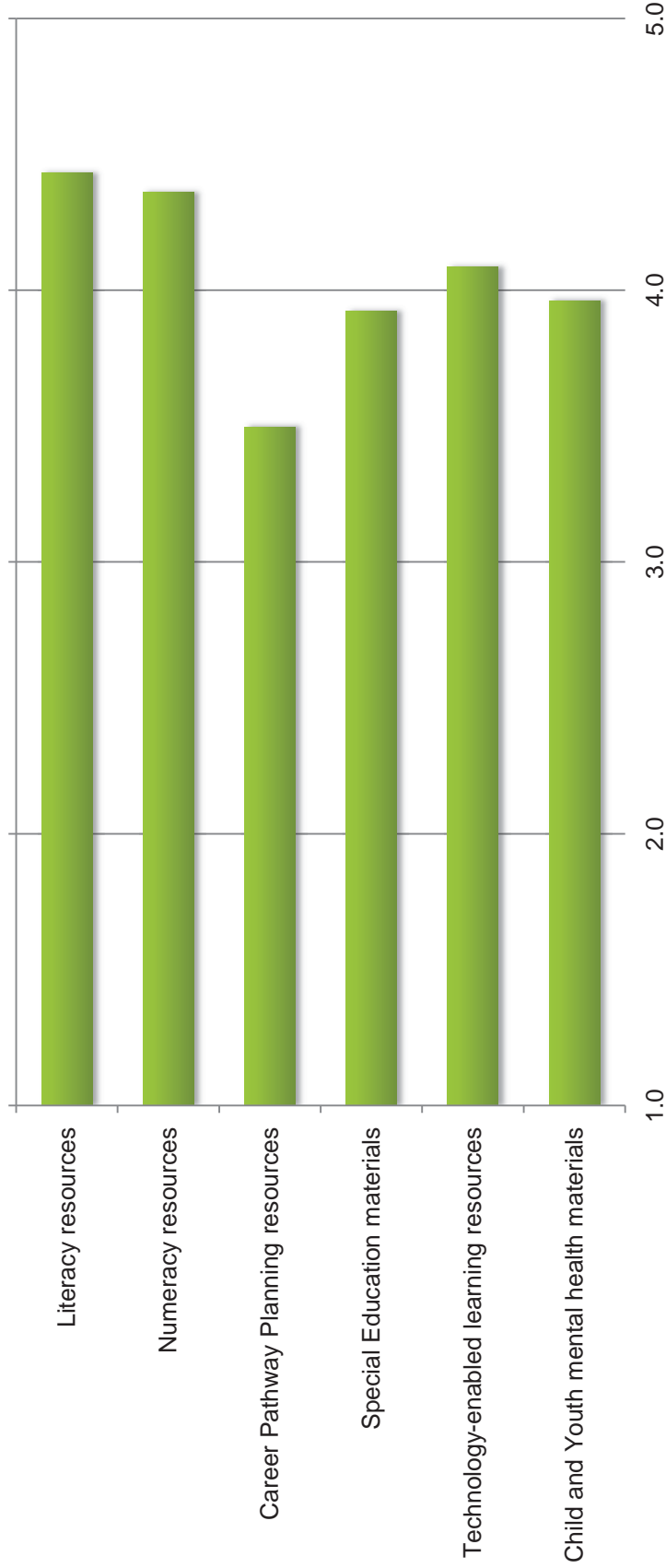
Results are representative of a percentage of total selections made

Consideration for budget

Basic Skills – Math, Science and English are considered essential to stakeholders.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

Q3. Student achievement resources are used to facilitate student learning & engagement and play a central role in our Catholic system. Please rate each of the following resources that support student achievement and well-being within our schools. (1 = low importance; 5 = high importance)



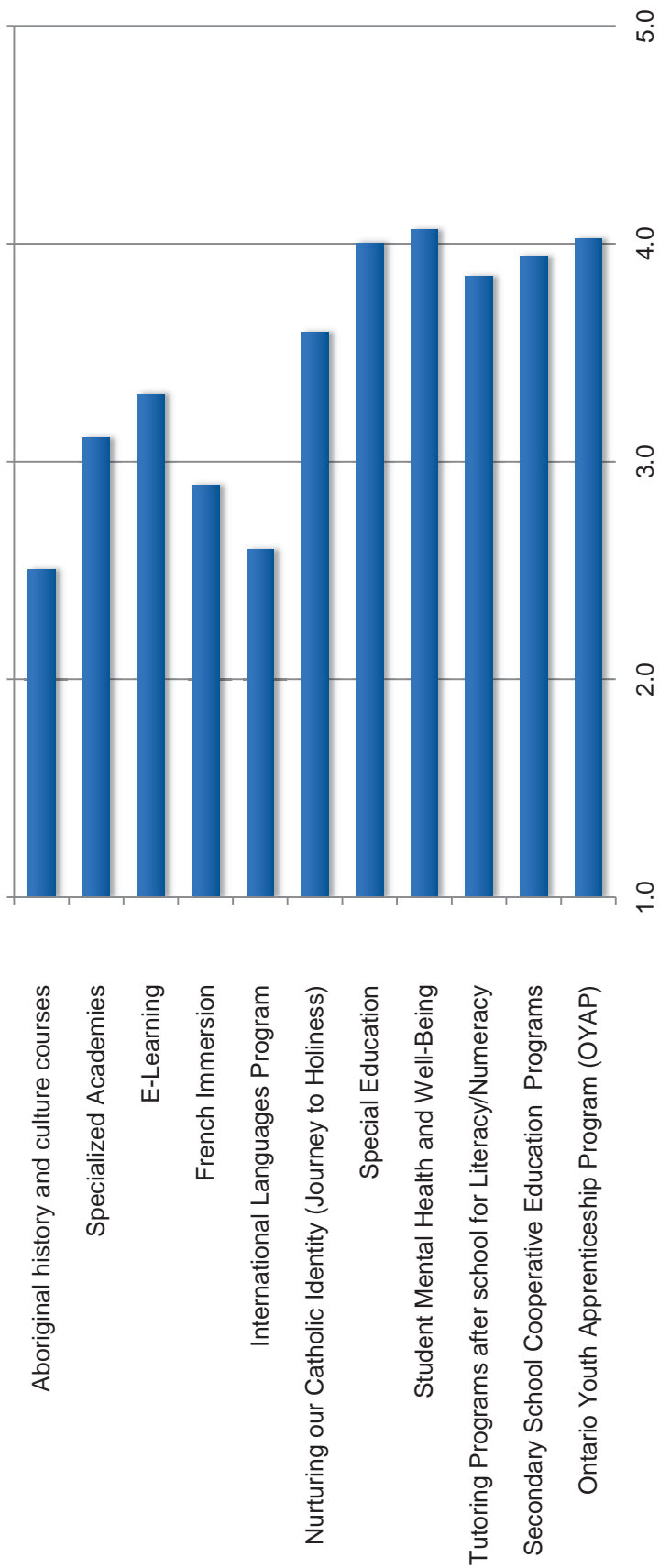
Results represent a weighted average calculation of all ratings for a particular resource

Consideration for budget

Stakeholders have ranked literacy and numeracy resources as the most important.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

Q4. Please rate each of the following programs and services that support student achievement and well-being. (1 = low importance; 5 = high importance)



Results represent a weighted average calculation of all ratings for a particular option

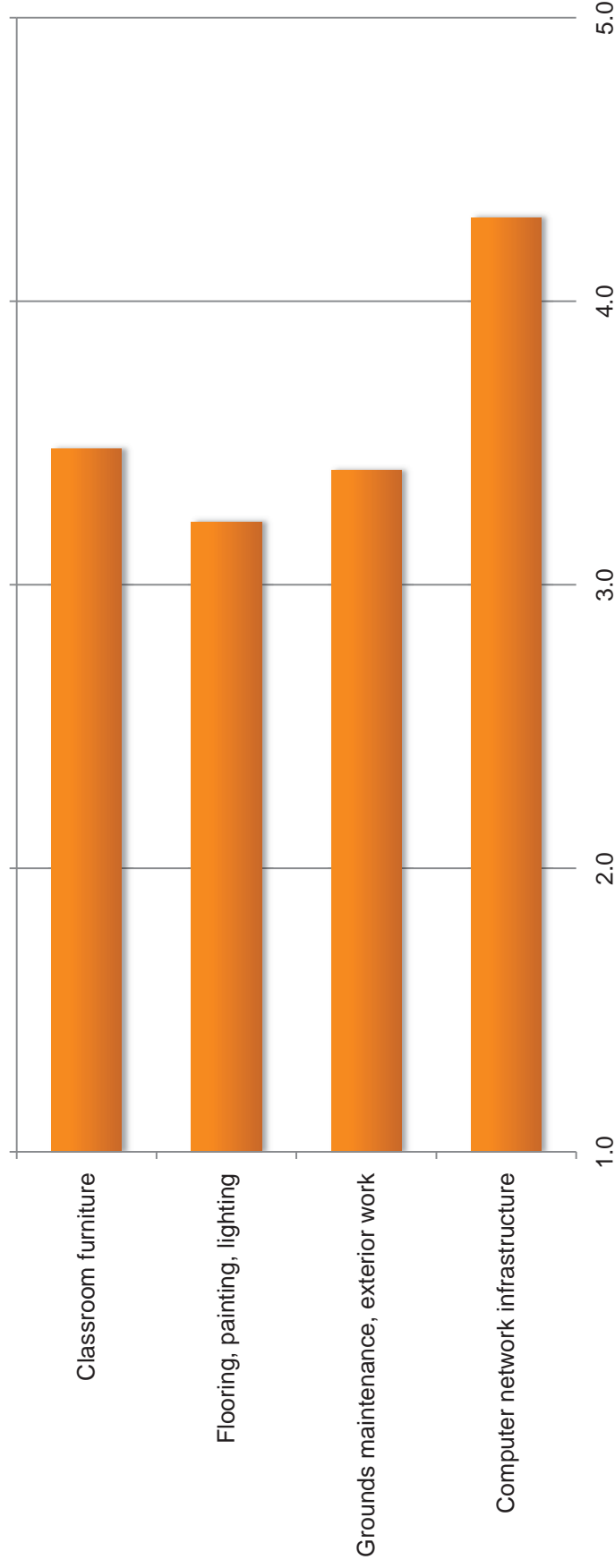
Consideration for budget

Stakeholders have ranked Special Education, Student Mental Health & Well-Being and OYAP as being of high importance.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

Q5. Please rate the school building component that you believe requires more service, maintenance or replacement.

(1 = requires least; 5 = requires most)



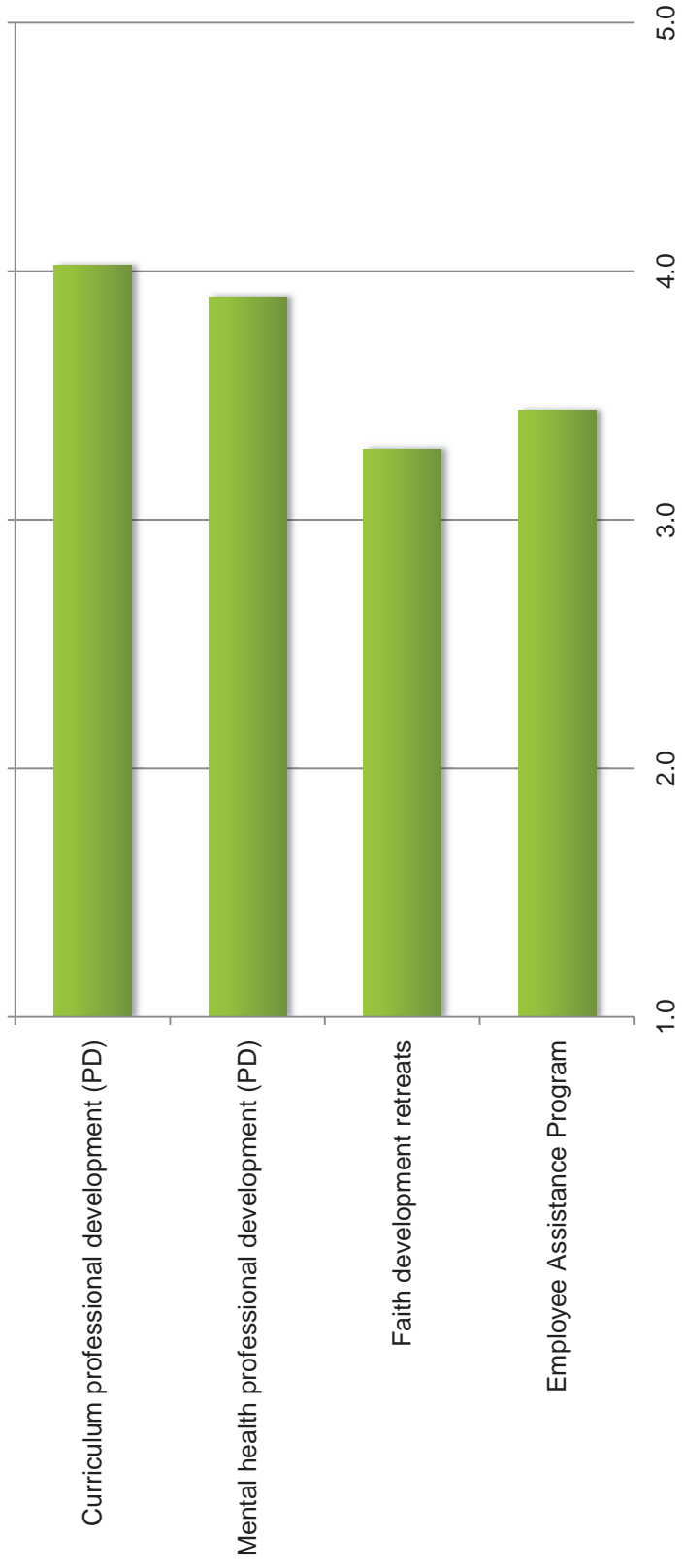
Results represent a weighted average of all ratings for a particular component

Consideration for budget

Stakeholders have ranked computer network infrastructure as the highest priority.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

**Q6. What activities do you value most in supporting employee development? Please indicate the priority for each of the options below.
(1 = low priority; 5 = high priority)**



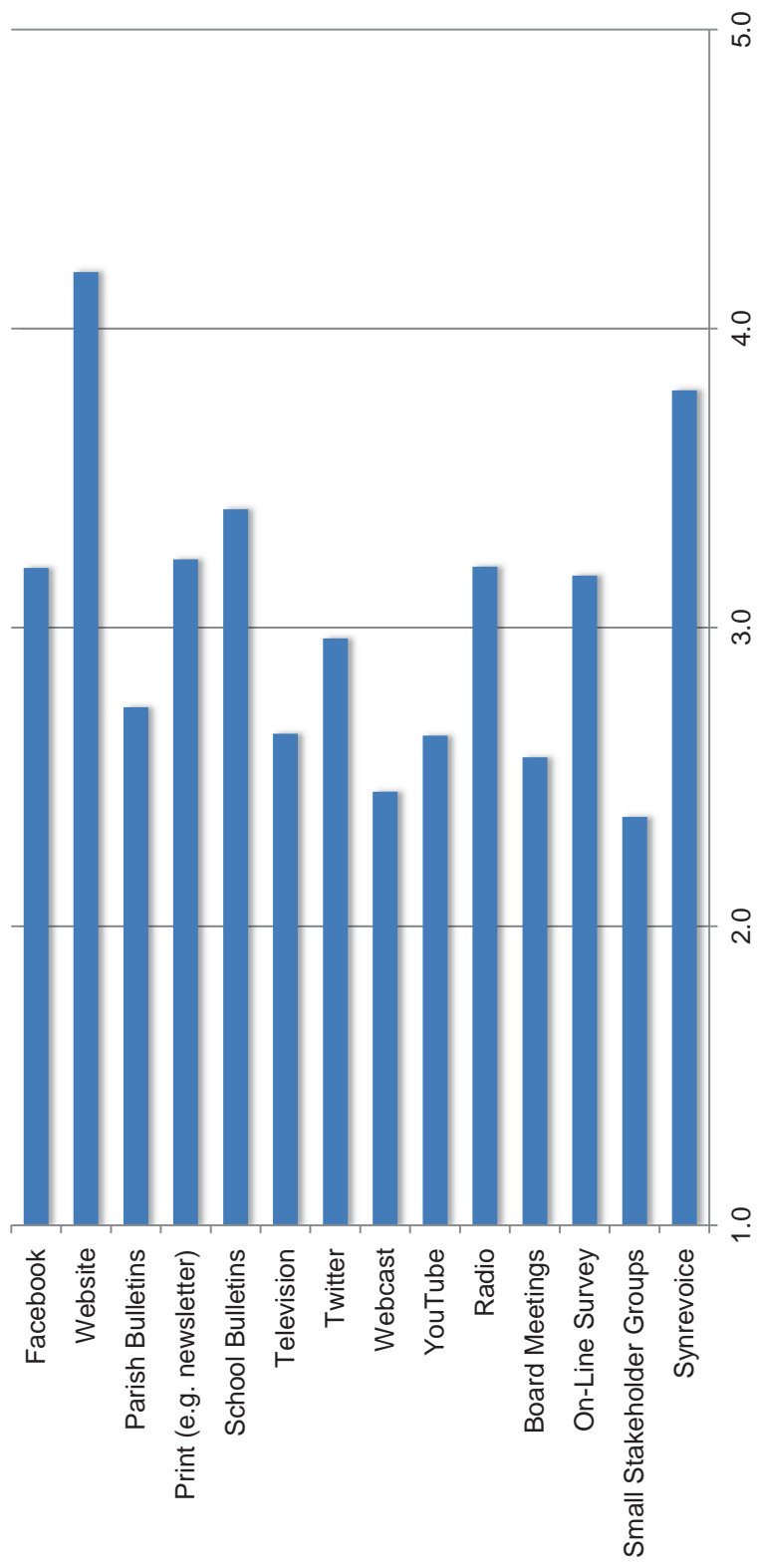
Results represent a weighted average calculation of all ratings for a particular activity

Consideration for budget

Stakeholders have identified curriculum professional development as the highest priority.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

**Q7. Please rate the methods that the WECDSB may use to best communicate and consult with the public.
(1 = least effective; 5 = most effective)**



Results represent a weighted average calculation of all ratings for a particular method

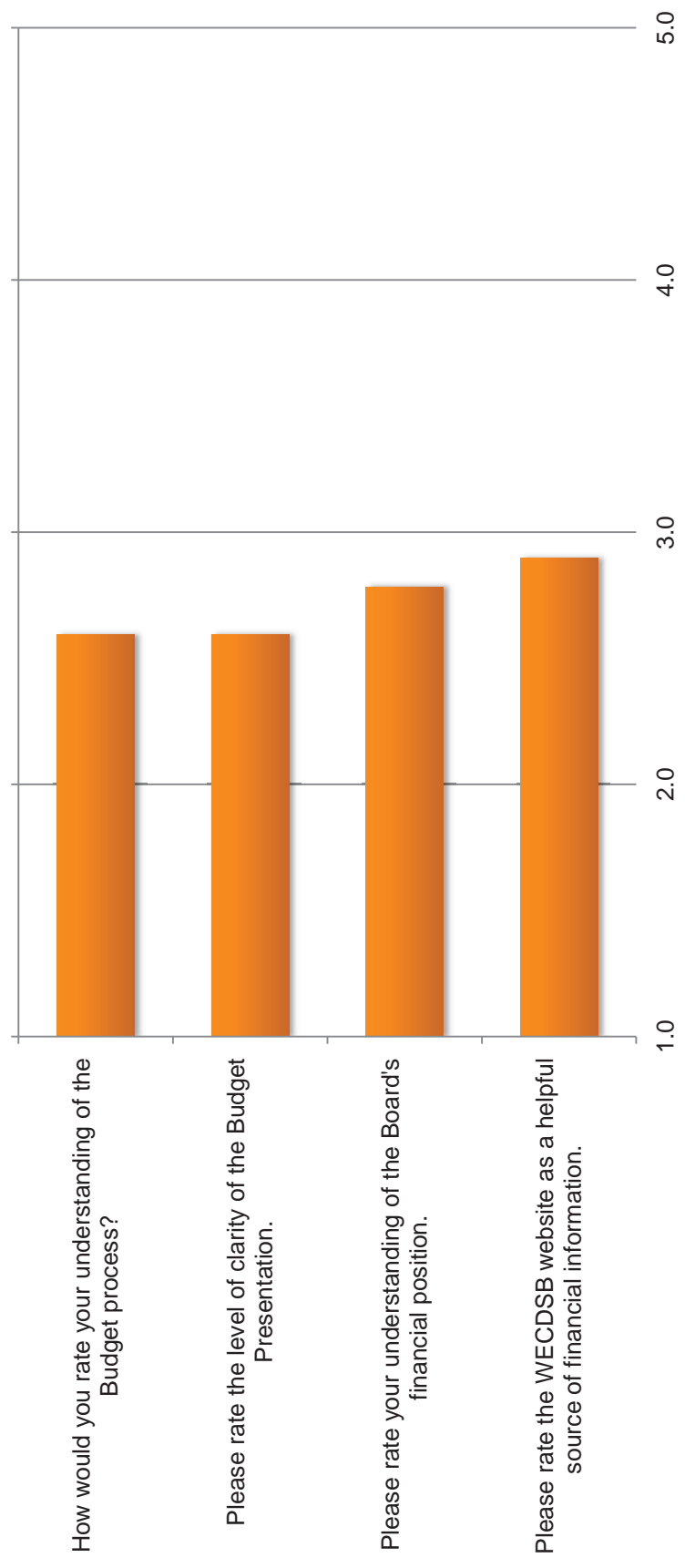


Consideration for budget

Stakeholders have identified the WECDSB website, school bulletins and Synrevoice as the best methods of communication.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

**Q8. Please rate these public financial information questions.
(1 = low; 5 = high)**



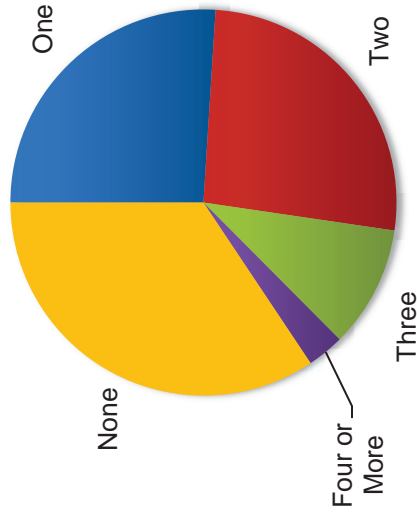
Results represent a weighted average calculation of all ratings for a particular question

Consideration for budget

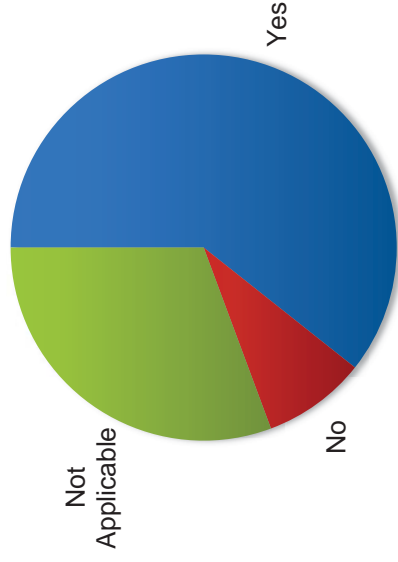
Stakeholders have a basic understanding of the Board's Budget process and financial position.

Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

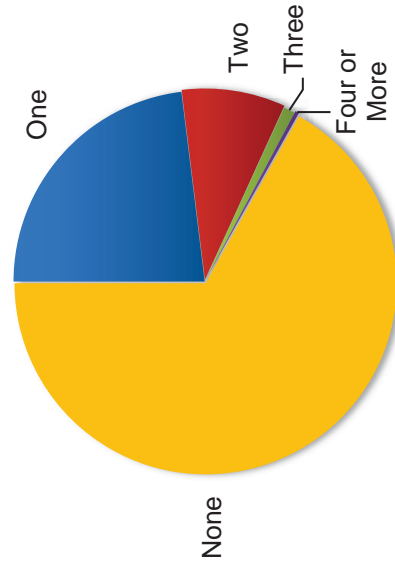
How many children grade K-8 do you have?



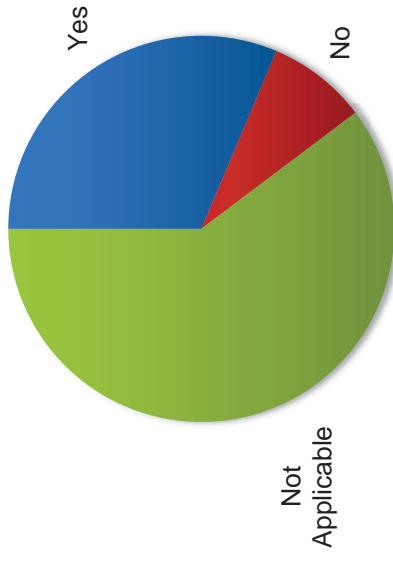
Are all your grade K-8 children in WECSDB schools?



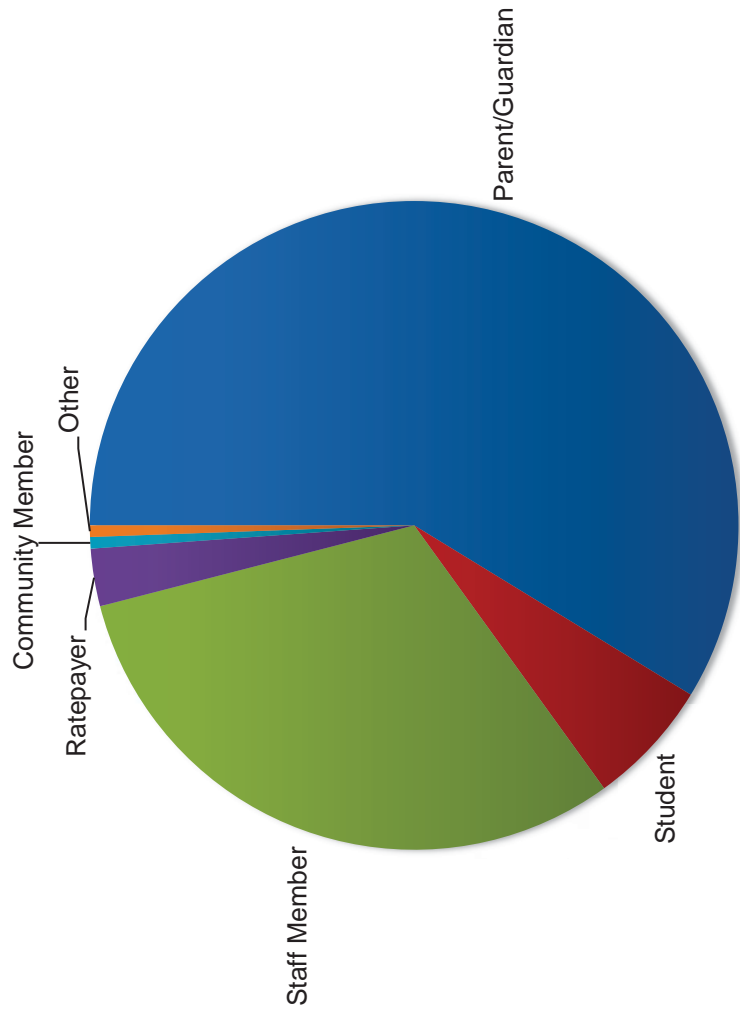
How many children grade 9-12 do you have?



Are all your grade 9-12 children in WECSDB schools?

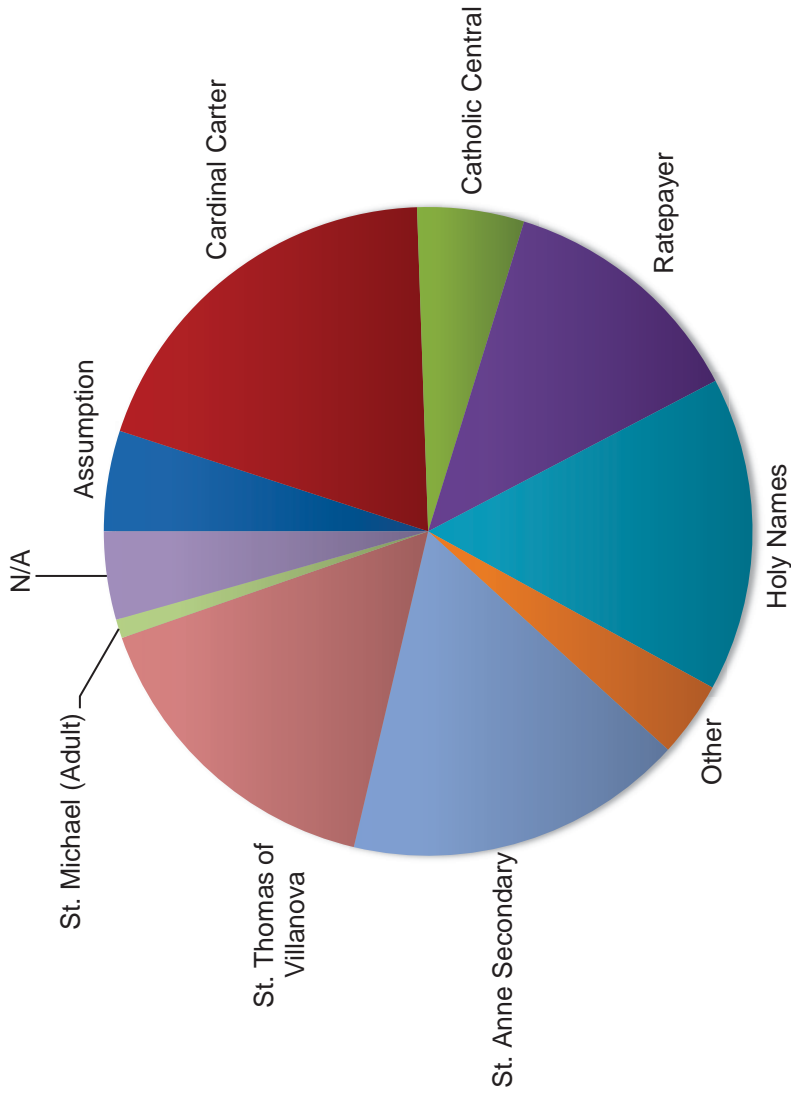


These survey results were completed by:



Budget Consultation Survey Results Continued....

These survey responses by Family of Schools location are as follows:



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board Budget Consultation Survey

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As part of our Budget consultation process, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (WECDSB) invites its stakeholders to provide input into the development of the 2016-17 Budget. The Board is seeking input through this Budget Consultation Survey.

WECDSB's Mission is "In keeping with the virtues of our Catholic faith, we are called to know every student, to inspire them, to follow the example of Jesus, and empower them with the knowledge and skills they need to live purposeful, meaningful lives." The intent of this survey is to inform the Board's budget development process and assist in formulating and affirming Board priorities as the Board works to promote excellence in education within a Faith-centered learning environment.

Our hope is that your responses will identify areas that are priorities for you, for our students and for our schools. Survey responses received by March 4, 2016 will be summarized and presented to the Board at its meeting of March 29, 2016. Surveys received subsequent to March 4, 2016 will be considered in the final draft budget which is expected to be tabled with the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 14, 2016, with final deliberation and approval on June 27, 2016.

We thank you for taking the time to participate in the budget consultation process.

* Required

A. OUR FAITH

Question #1

Faith development plays a central role in our Catholic system. Where do you believe efforts should be focused in the area of faith development? (Select all that apply)

- Local community service projects
- Transportation to local parishes for school liturgies
- Faith resources for classrooms and schools
- Faith formation opportunities for students and staff (e.g. participation in conferences, retreats, equity and inclusion programs/events, guest presenters)
- Other:

B. OUR STUDENTS

Question #2

As a stakeholder of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, which items would you like the Board to consider as essential to the education of children? (Select all that apply)

	1 - Least	2	3	4	5 - Most	Unable to comment
Webcast	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Radio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Board Meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-Line Survey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small Stakeholder Groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Synrevoice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question #8

Please rate these public financial information questions (1 = Low 5 = High)

	1 - Low	2	3	4	5 - High	Unable to comment
How would you rate your understanding of the Budget process?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Please rate the level of clarity of the budget Presentation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Please rate your understanding of the Board's financial position.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Please rate the WECDSB website as a helpful source of financial information.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

To help inform our planning, we invite you to respond to a few additional questions.

The survey is completed by *

Which school are you most connected to?

How many children grade K-8 do you have?

Are all your grade K-8 children in Windsor-Essex Catholic District schools?

How many children grade 9-12 do you have?

Are all your grade 9-12 children in Windsor-Essex Catholic District schools?

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